

## Fourth Judges Stuck on Bookmarks

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Duxbury's Fourth of July parade judges were stuck on the ingenuity of the Duxbury Free Library's young adult club the Bookmarks. The group's float, which was a tribute to American adhesives, took home first place in the maxi floats category as well as \$500 and the coveted Margery Parcher Cup.

"We were beside ourselves with excitement," Young Adult Librarian Ellen Smoeyenbos said. "We are treating the winning of the \$500 like a fundraiser and donating the money to the Cameron Parish Library."

Rebuilding the library in Louisiana, which lost three of its four branches and its main library during hurricanes Rita and Katrina, is the goal of the Duxbury library's community-wide summer reading program and activities series called "From Day to Dayou." The Bookmarks' winnings of \$500 for their parade float will be added to the amount of money being raised to restore the library down south.

The theme of the town's 114th Annual Fourth of July Parade was American Ingenuity. The Bookmarks' winning float celebrated the world of everyday adhesives like 3M's Post-It notes.

"3M labs were trying to make a better adhesive when they discovered Post-Its," Bookmarks' Angie Goldman of Old Farm Road said.

Traditional yellow Post-It notes and funkier neon-colored Post-Its adorned the float along with a sign explaining the history of this bit of American ingenuity as "Post-Its: the mistake that worked." Other sticky inventions that worked included Elmer's glue, Scotch tape and duct tape.

Yachting, religious freedom and space missions were other examples of American ingenuity found along the parade's route down Washington Street. This year's grand marshal Chuck Walker of Tremont Street said he has been a spectator of the parade and its many floats since the 1930s.



Chad Conway of School Street rebuilt this 1980 electric Commutacar.

"My dad loved parades," said Walker's wife, Marie. "We would go to Plymouth's in the morning and Duxbury's parade in the afternoon." The couple watched the parade from a different vantage point this year as they were driven in a 1972 yellow Oldsmobile convertible by John Britten.

Spectators were treated to another yellow car, but this one did not run on gas. DHS student Chad Conway of School Street took his 1980 electric Commutacar for its second spin since he finished rebuilding the vehicle earlier in the week.

"This was sitting in my teacher Chris Conner's garage," Conway said. "I put in new batteries and rewired it."

Conway, the son of town treasurer Beth Conway, said the Commutacar takes eight six-volt deep cycle high-output batteries, which are similar to those found in a golf cart. It can travel 30 to 60 miles before needing to be recharged and the car reaches speeds of up to 60 mph.

Also riding in a unique style was father and son duo Dan Winters, Sr., and Dan Winters, Jr. The pair from Braintree has participated in the town's parade for the past 30 years and rode in Hingham and Randolph's parades before, pulling their Ford Model Ts into Duxbury on Tuesday afternoon.

"Model T parts are hard to come by now," said the elder Winters, who used pictures of the original car to rebuild his 1912 edition. He added that his son's car, named Paddy Wagon, featured police car parts for the railings and sirens. The Paddy Wagon's

horn was activated by squeezing a bulb. The vehicle's headlights were gas generated and its large wheels placed the car up higher than today's models.

While most of the parade's participants were driven or drove down the route to the high school, there were musicians, color guards and politicians who walked the course.

Selectmen Chairwoman Betsy Sullivan strolled down Washington Street for the fifth time while Vice Chairman Andre Martecchini hit the pavement for the tenth year in a row.

"It takes about an hour to walk it," Martecchini said. "Sometimes my daughter walks it with me. It hasn't been rained out yet."

Despite rumbles of thunder and a quick shower, the parade went off without a hitch. Fourth of July Committee Co-Chairwoman Margaret Kearney said she was pleased with the event and residents relayed the same sentiment.

"Most of the people I've heard from were pleased," Kearney said. "There were more floats this year and the hands were good. I appreciate the work of the committee and the police department. The police did an outstanding job with crowd control and directing traffic. All in all, I am very

### Fourth of July Parade Award Winners

#### Maxi Floats

First Place: Duxbury Free Library  
Second Place: Corner Stone Lodge  
Third Place: First Church of Wicca  
Fourth Place: Cub Scouts Pack 1776  
Fifth Place: Duxbury Middle School

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First Place: Duxbury Newcomers Club  
Second Place: Duxbury Student Union  
Third Place: Camp Wing  
Fourth Place: The Bay Players  
Color Guards: Duxbury Police Dept.  
Honor Guards: The American Legion  
Bands: Jazz/Rock  
First Place: DHS Jazz Band  
Second Place: Duxbury Student Union  
Sons of the Blues  
Third Place: The Infractions

#### Bands: Traditional

First Place: York Lions Steel Band  
Second Place: 103rd Electricians File and Drum Band  
Third Place: The Crusaders  
Marching Groups  
First Place: 15th Mass Regiment  
Second Place: Plymouth County Sheriff's Dept.  
Walking Groups: Camp Wing  
Clowns/Bicycles: The Shirley Family